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FBI Arrests Dragon Of KKK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former grand dragon of the Michigan Ku Klux Klan and four other Klansmen were arrested Thursday by FBI agents on charges of tarring and feathering a high-school principal April 1, 1971, the Justice Department announced.

Arrested were Robert E. Miles, 46, of Howell, Mich. Edward Maldonado, age unknown, Arthur Meadows, 32, and Green B. Cawood, 40, all of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Sam A. Million, 27, of Baltimore.

Ralph B Guy Jr., U.S. attorney in Detroit, identified Miles as immediate past Grand Dragon of the Michigan realm of United Klans of America Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,

and the other four defendants as Klansmen at the time.

The department said Miles and four others were indicted last Oct. 20 on conspiracy charges in connection with the bombing of 10 buses in Pontiac, Mich., last Aug. 30. They have not been brought to trial yet.

Two three-count indictments naming the five men arrested today were returned in U.S. District Court in Detroit Wednesday. The indictments were sealed until the arrests were made.

The five Klansmen were charged with tarring and feathering Richard W. Brownlee, 43, of Ypsilanti, the principal of Willow Run High School, while wearing hoods.

Miles, Meadows, Maldonado and Cawood were named in one indictment and Million was named in a separate indictment. Each indictment contains three similar counts.

One count charged them with conspiring between Jan. 1 and April 30, 1971, to cause bodily injury to Brownlee "because he was participating in the benefits of Willow Run High School, a facility receiving federal financial assistance" in his position as principal.

Attorneys in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division said the second count has not been used for many years.